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- 1. The present Minister for Machine Construction (Maschinenbau), Heinrich Rau, is scheduled to give up this post at the end of April and as of 1 May 1955 take over the vacant post of Minister for Foreign Trade.
- A reorganization of the East German Import-Export Agencies (DIA's) is also scheduled to begin on 1 May 1955.
- 3. The present Ministry of Machine Construction, consisting of 17 Main Administrations responsible for all types of machine construction, ship-building, manufacture of cable, electrical goods, radio and metal house-hold goods, is to be separated into two independent Ministries, effective 1 May 1955, viz. the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction (under the present Deputy Minister Erich Apel and the Ministry for General Machine Construction (Allgemeine Maschinenbau) under Helmut Wunderlich, also at present a Deputy Minister I. Their two State Secretaries will be Grosse 2 and Alfred Wunderlich respectively, both now serving in the Ministry.
- 4. The reorganization of the seventeen main administrations will be radical and not consist simply in allotting them to one or the other of the two newly formed ministries. Thus, for example, Main Administration 15, at present responsible for the manufacture of cable, electrical apparatus, technical porcelain, insulating material and certain vehicle parts, will be split up and allotted to three different groups. Final arrangements are not yet complete³.

Comment: It will be noted that this report mentions 17

Main Administrations; it is possible that this recognizes the previously reported merger of former Main Administrations 6 and 7 to the single Main Administration for Power Machinery (HV Energie und Kraftmaschinenbau).

Or, the former 18th Main Administration, concerned with the aviation industry, may not be included in this instance.

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